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spections incoming cargoes on all ships of whatever flag embarked from
Bloc ports. According to our projection, the USSR will need to schedule
a total of about 100 ships shortly to arrive in Cuba during the next three-
four weeks in order to accomplish removal of disassembled equipment.
(In addition to sixty ships normally used for offensive equipment, USSR
would have to adapt about forty others for purpose). Number Red Cross
inspectors required to do job will be about equal whether inspection on
sea or shore. At sea less inspectors required per ship because cargo
holds cannot be penetrated and surreptitious off-loading not possible but
more inspectors in transit shuttling between vessels at sea. In port,
transit time eliminated but more inspectors required to watch for
surreptitious off-loading and to examine in detail cargo coming out of
holds. Because port inspection much more comprehensive, every effort
should be made to obtain authorization to inspect in port. Estimate
ten personnel needed for each ship entering each port per day. Personnel
should be of adequate technical competence to recognize offensive equipment.

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